

**Department of Mental Health
Exceptions Committee Meeting**

August 6, 2004

Minutes

In attendance were Jodi Frederick, Julie Carel, Jennifer Wybel and coordinator Ricahrd Overmann.

Addiction Recovery Services, Kansas city, requested an exception from the qualifications for a qualified substance abuse professional under 9 CSR 10-7.140. The request was made on behalf of Jack Webb who is currently employed at the agency. The committee noted that Mr. Webb has about twenty-five hours of college work and about twelve of those hours were related to the treatment of alcohol and drug abuse. In his letter to the committee Mr. Webb stated that he has eight years experience as a drug abuse counselor; however, the material presented in the request did not explain why employers determined he was qualified for counseling responsibilities. The committee asked for additional information related to his background and experience, to include a transcript of his college work, a resume, and other documentation that will illustrate is qualifications.

Arthur Watson, a private individual, requested an exception under 9 CSR 10-5.190. He is disqualified from employment due to having committed "simple assault" in 1992 and "armed robbery" in 1997. Mr. Watson applied previously in December of 2003 and was denied. The committee noted that it has not been twelve months since Mr. Watson filed his last request and that, under section 630.170 RSMo 2003, he is not eligible to reapply until December 2004.

Hopewell Center, St. Louis requested a waiver of fire safety rules under 9 CSR 40-10.155 requiring two exits from each floor. The administrator alleges that the building was previously certified by the department and no mention was made of the two exits. The state fire marshal inspected the building and limited approval to the first floor because the second floor does not have two exits. The committee decided to obtain more information form the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety, to include a recommendation on the disposition of the request.

Barbara Prater, a private individual, requested an exception under 9 CSR 10-5.190. She is disqualified from employment due to two counts of class II neglect in May of 2003. She previously applied for an exception and was denied in March of 2004. The committee noted that it has not been twelve months since Ms. Prater filed her last request and that, under section 630.170 RSMo 2003, she is not eligible to reapply at this time.

August 9, 2004

Barb Prater
15687 Falcon Road
Neosho, MO 64850

Dear Ms. Prater:

On August 6, 2004 the Department of Mental Health Exceptions Committee considered your request for an exception dated July 26, 2004. The committee noted that your last request was submitted and denied in March of 2004 and therefore, under section 630.170 RSMo, you may not reapply until March of 2005.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at 573-751-8077.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Overmann
Exceptions Committee Coordinator

August 9, 2004

Arthur L. Watson
7105 E. 111th Terr.
Kansas City, MO 64134

Dear Mr. Watson:

On August 6, 2004 the Department of Mental Health Exceptions Committee reviewed your request for an exception dated July 12, 2004. The committee noted that your first request was dated in December of 2003 and therefore, under section 630.170 RSMo, you are not eligible to eligible to reapply until December 2004.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at 573-751-8077.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Overmann
Exceptions Committee Coordinator

August 9, 2004

Tom Reardon, CSAC II
Addiction Recovery Services
1507 N.E. Parvin Rd
Kansas City, MO 64116

Dear Mr. Reardon :

On August 6, 2004, the Department of Mental Health Exceptions Committee reviewed your request for an exception dated July 7, 2004, on behalf of Mr. Jack Webb. The request applied for a waiver of qualifications of qualified substance abuse professional as defined under 9 CSR 10-7.140. The committee noted that Mr. Webb has about twenty-five hours of college work and about twelve of those hours are related to treatment of alcohol and drug abuse. In his letter to the committee Mr. Webb stated that he has eight years experience as a drug abuse counselor; however, the material presented in the request did not explain why employers determined he was qualified for counseling responsibilities. The committee asked for additional information related to his background and experience, to include a transcript of his college work, a resume, and other documentation that will illustrate his qualifications.

If you have any questions in this matter, please give me a call at 573-751-8077.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Overmann
Exceptions Committee Coordinator

August 9, 2004

Regina Trotter
Hopewell Center
1504 South Grand
St. Louis, MO 63104

Dear Ms. Trotter:

On August 6, 2004, the Department of Mental Health Exceptions Committee reviewed your request for an exception of fire safety requirements under 9 CSR 40-10.155. Your request was dated March 24, 2004 and we received it by fax dated July 29, 2004. The committee is contacting the Division of Fire Safety for additional information and a recommendation on the disposition of the request.

If you have any questions in this matter, please give me a call at 573-751-8077.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Overmann
Exceptions Committee Coordinator

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Randy Cole
Assistant State Fire Marshal
2401 East McCarty
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Cole:

Attached is a request we received from Hopewell Center in St. Louis. The agency is requesting an exception from the requirement of two exits from the second floor. As I understand it, the agency states it needs to use the second floor for its clients. Are there any redeeming features about this building or the agency's use of the building, that would compensate for the lack of a second exit? Does your staff have any recommendations on how the facility can come into compliance?

We will be grateful for any guidance you can give us.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Overmann
Exceptions Committee Coordinator